Fontainebleau Ills

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Dr John Torrey

Dear Sir

Will you
pardon the liberty I
take in addressing
you concerning the
precise determination
of the pinetum Pallas
Is it P. Torreyana Parlato?

With the description
in Emerson's Trees and
Shrubs of Mass it agrees
exactly — only as regards
the stipules which in
the present pinetum are
not unusually large —

It strikes me as a well marked variety of S. cordata if nothing more - a form deserving recognition and the preservation of its original name -

Anderson completely ignores S. Torreyana yet his S cordata upon "4° bracteolis foliis basi latissimis vix 2 pollices longis subtus valde viteo glaucis" i.e. S. lucida similimis D.C. p. 232 is I think the same -

In some Milnes which I am distributing I desire to retain the name of Torreyana

for this variety or species which ever it is —

It is very rare here — flowers ten days later than *L. candata* and has somewhat the appearance of being a hybrid *lucido-candata*

I would appreciate as a great favor any information you may give me in this matter.

I am very respectfully

Your obedient servant

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